

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

Please amend the specification.

Page 14, lines 12-15 states The dechlorinating reservoir 300 comprises an untreated fluid inlet 310, an inflow directing tube 320, an agent mixing chamber 324, an access cap 325, and a treated fluid outlet 330.

Page 15, line Similarly, the dechlorinating agent reservoir 300 and its untreated fluid inlet 310, treatment cylinder 320, access cap 325, and treated fluid outlet 330 may be of any design or shape and may be positioned anywhere, as illustrated by the various designs and positions in FIGS. 1, 3 and 4.

Page 16, line 13-15 Referring to FIG. 4, the dechlorination agent reservoir 300a comprises an untreated fluid inlet 310a, a treatment cylinder 320a, an access cap 325a, and a treated fluid outlet 330a.

Page 18, line 16-21 The agent mixing chamber 324 or 324a is preferably removable and replaceable from the dechlorination device through the access cap 325 or 325a, and may be removed without removing the dechlorination device from the fluid flow path. The dechlorinating agent may be any liquid soluble including tablets, powder or as may be preferred by the user.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, and 8.

Claim 1 (Amended) A method of dechlorinating fluid, comprising the steps of:
connecting a by-pass integrated dechlorination device to a fluid flow source;
flowing fluid through said [a] dechlorination device along a flow path;
diverting a portion of said fluid through a bypass in the dechlorination device;
exposing said proportion of said fluid to a dechlorination agent in the bypass; and

merging said proportion of said fluid back into said fluid flow path.

Claim 3 (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said dechlorination agent is contained in a removable [Reservoir in the bypass] agent mixing chamber.

Claim 4 (Amended) The method of Claim 3, wherein said removable [Reservoir] agent mixing chamber is removable from said dechlorination device without removing said dechlorination device from said fluid flow path.

Claim 8 (Amended) The device of Claim 7, wherein said [dechlorination agent reservoir] agent mixing chamber is selectively removable from said dechlorination device without removing said dechlorination device from said fluid path.

Conclusion

In view of the forgoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that all the Claims are now in a condition for immediate allowance. An early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Any arguments of the Examiner not specifically addressed herein should not be deemed admitted, conceded, waived, nor acquiesced by Applicant. The other prior art of record is noted but not specifically responded to since it is not cited against Applicant's claimed invention.

A postcard is enclosed evidencing receipt of this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. D. Gerhardt", written in a cursive style.

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